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for all the lands and trees in the village might be decided by the Settlement Officer appointed under that Act. The village was taken over under the Abolition Act recently on 27th May 1953 and action under the Act is being taken.

" (d) to (f) No such representation has been received by the Government."

Gruel centres in Kovvur and Polavaram taluks, West Godavari district.

* 769 Q.—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have any official information that gruel centres have been started at Gopalapuram of Kovvur taluk (West Godavari district) by private individuals to relieve the distressed; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to start gruel centres at some places in Kovvur and Polavaram taluks of West Godavari district?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) The Government have no information.

" (b) No."

House-tax in Vijayavada.

* 770 Q.—T. POTHA RAJU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vijayavada Municipal Council has passed a resolution to the effect that all the houses which come under a monthly rental value of Rs. 35 or below should be exempted from taxation;

(b) if so, whether the Government have considered the above proposal; and

(c) what the Government propose to do in this respect?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) Yes.

" (c) The request of the Municipal Council was negatived as section 83 (5) of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920, permits municipal councils to exempt any building or land from property tax only where the annual value does not exceed Rs. 18."

Residential scholarships to Harijan students in Coimbatore district.

* 771 Q.—SRI P. G. MANICKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Harijan students (boys and girls) studying in the Elementary Schools, Middle Schools and High Schools in the Coimbatore district; and